

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEMORANDUM

DATE January 22, 2013

TO Veterinary Medical Board

FROM Sue Geranen Executive Officer
DCA/Veterinary Medical Board

SUBJECT **AB 1904 – Military Spouses**

Background:

This bill became effective January 1, 2013 and requires a board within the department to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a license in the same profession or vocation in another jurisdiction and is married to, or in a legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders.

The California Veterinary Medicine Practice already outlines an exemption for persons serving in the military, but that exemption does not extend to spouses of persons serving in the military. Business and Professions Code, Section 4830 states that:

- (a) This chapter does not apply to:
- (b) (1) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the military services of the United States or the United States Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in their official capacity.

Action Requested:

Discussion as to whether or not to propose a legislative amendment to include “veterinarians who are spouses of persons serving in the armed forces...” in this exemption.



AB-1904 Professions and vocations: military spouses: expedited licensure. (2011-2012)

Assembly Bill No. 1904

CHAPTER 399

An act to add Section 115.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

[Approved by Governor September 20, 2012. Filed Secretary of State September 20, 2012.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1904, Block. Professions and vocations: military spouses: expedited licensure.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides for the issuance of reciprocal licenses in certain fields where the applicant, among other requirements, has a license to practice within that field in another jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law authorizes a licensee to reinstate an expired license without examination or penalty if, among other requirements, the license expired while the licensee was on active duty as a member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces.

This bill would require a board within the department to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a license in the same profession or vocation in another jurisdiction and is married to, or in a legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 115.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

115.5. (a) A board within the department shall expedite the licensure process for an applicant who meets both of the following requirements:

(1) Supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.

(2) Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States in the profession or vocation for which he or she seeks a license from the board.

(b) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this section.